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1. Pilot Station

The pilot station is located at 69°12'07"N, 33°34'45"E.

2. Tyura Bay

- a. There is a large building of the factory type, four or five stories high, in the approximate position 69°12'00"N, 33°35'24"E.
- b. A big pipeline can be seen from approximate position 69°12'15"N, 33°35'45"E, leading to the rear of the building in para. a.
- c. Near the eastern side of the building are two enormous conical heaps of yellow material (not pyrites). One heap is of a slightly different shade from the other.
- d. Alongside the quay in front of the building was a merchant ship of 4,000 to 5,000 tons.

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3. Rosta Pier

- a. This pier, approximate position 69°00'20"N, 33°03'36"E.

- b.

- c. The pier is of wooden construction.

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- a. There are two cranes of three-ton capacity using the rail lines on Rosta Pier.
- b. There are two floating cranes, 80 to 90 ft. long and 30 ft. wide with jibs of 60 ft. radius. These cranes have Diesel engines and an estimated safe working load of at least ten tons.

5. Lighters

- a. Two water barges were seen in use, each with a capacity of 100 tons. These barges were used to water ships alongside Rosta Pier, as no water is piped to this pier.
- b. One bunkering vessel, capacity about 100 tons, was seen in use.

6. Coal

There is a very large coal dump [redacted] This dump is between the railway and the waterfront. Cranes and small vessels were observed alongside the coal dump but close inspection was impossible.

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7. Railways

- a. The only locomotives sighted were old, small, and in bad condition. 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

8. Oil

- a. The berth [redacted] on the Rosta Pier [redacted] was in constant use by vessels requiring bunkers. Naval vessels and the bunkering vessels referred to in para. 5, b used this berth.
- b. No vessel discharged oil at this berth during the five days under observation. 50X1-HUM
- c. Pipe lines run from the pier to the wooden shed [redacted] Beyond the shed the pipe lines are underground and there is no indication of the direction taken.
- d. No oil storage tanks were sighted. The hill behind the shed and the hill to the southeast were climbed, but no pipe lines, installations, or storage tanks could be seen.

9. Shipping

- a. Salvage work is proceeding on two Liberty ships sunk west-northwest of Rosta Pier. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. In the vicinity of 69°02'00"N, 33°03'30"E off the Rosta Estuary, two ships were at anchor. One was a troop transport of 7,000 to 8,000 tons. The other was a cargo ship of 2,000 to 3,000 tons due to leave for Barentsburg, Spitzbergen, to load coal for Murmansk. The latter ship had about 16 small landing craft similar to US types on deck. Destination of landing craft unknown.

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